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In re Application of :  
KOOIMAN :  
Application No.: 10/532,919 :  
PCT No.: PCT/IB03/04727 : DECISION  
Int. Filing Date: 24 October 2003 :  
Priority Date: 02 November 2002 :  
Attorney Docket No.: DE 020239 :  
For: METHOD FOR OPERATING A SPEECH :  
RECOGNITION SYSTEM :

This notification is in response to applicants' submission filed 16 January 2006.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On 24 October 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/IB03/04727 which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 02 November 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 21 May 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 02 May 2005.

On 27 April 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee and a declaration of the inventor.

On 05 December 2005, a Notification was mailed indicating that there was a difference in names in the named inventor between the published international application (Albert Kooiman) and the declaration of the inventor filed 27 April 2005 (Albert Rene Robert Kooiman) and that resolution of the matter was required.

On 16 January 2006, applicant filed a submission including a new declaration of the inventor.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The declaration of the inventor filed 16 January 2006 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b). The name on this declaration matches the name on the published international

application. The surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h) for filing any of the search fee, the examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of the commencement of the national stage has been charged to Deposit Account 14-1270.

**CONCLUSION**

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application, including the accordation of a 35 U.S.C. §§371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of **16 January 2006**.



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